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# News Release

**Betty T. Yee, Member**

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## **2012 Annual Taxpayers' Bill of Rights Hearings Held in Culver City, Sacramento**

Individuals and businesses with ideas or concerns about the administration and oversight of California's business and property taxes are invited to attend the Board of Equalization's (BOE) annual Taxpayers' Bill of Rights hearings in Culver City on April 24 and in Sacramento on June 26, First District BOE Member Betty T. Yee announced today.

The Taxpayers' Bill of Rights hearings will each begin at approximately 1:30 p.m. at the following two locations:

<b>Tuesday April 24, 2012</b>	<b>Board of Equalization District Office 5901 Green Valley Circle, Suite 207 Culver City, CA 90230</b>
<b>Tuesday June 26, 2011</b>	<b>Board of Equalization Headquarters Building 1st Floor Board Room, Room 121 450 N Street Sacramento, CA 95814</b>

Each of the Taxpayers' Bill of Rights public hearings will also be streamed live at [www.boe.ca.gov](http://www.boe.ca.gov).

Taxpayers interested in making a presentation at the Taxpayers' Bill of Rights Hearings are invited to contact the BOE Taxpayers' Rights Advocate Office by calling toll-free 888-324-2798, or by email at [www.boe.ca.gov/info/emailtra.htm](http://www.boe.ca.gov/info/emailtra.htm).

More information about the annual hearings is available online at [www.boe.ca.gov/meetings/heartra.htm](http://www.boe.ca.gov/meetings/heartra.htm).

Enacted in January 1989, the Harris-Katz California Taxpayers' Bill of Rights requires that the BOE ensure that the rights of California taxpayers are protected during the assessment and collection of sales and use taxes. The Taxpayers' Bill of Rights was expanded in 1993 to include special tax programs such as excise, fuel, and alcohol taxes, and the Morgan Property Taxpayers' Bill of Rights was added in 1994. The BOE is required by law to conduct public Bill of Rights hearings annually.

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Board Member Betty T. Yee was elected to her post in November 2006. Her district includes many of California's coastal counties, from Del Norte to Santa Barbara, and includes the entire San Francisco Bay Area. Ms. Yee previously served as Chief Deputy Director for Budget at the California Department of Finance, covering a wide array of state and local finance policy matters.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$50 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit [www.taxes.ca.gov](http://www.taxes.ca.gov).

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